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SUBJ: SCINTEIA TAKES SWIPE AT SOVIETS IN CONTEXT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

1. IN OTHERWISE STANDARD, CRYPTIC DAILY COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT
CARTER'S CURRENT TRIP, SCINTEIA ITEM OF APRIL 4 MAY BE WORTH

PASSING NOTICE. ITEM ON VISIT PROVIDED SUITABLE OCCASION
FOR PAPER TO TAG ON TO SHORT EXCERPT FROM CARTER AIR-BORNE
STATEMENT SIMILAR ITEM WITH OBASANJO'S OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO
SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA. "COUNTRIES IN AFRICA...HAVE
NOT BEEN SPARED FROM THE VICISSITUDES OF WASTED RESOURCES
AND MEANINGLESS FRATRICIDAL WARFARE, IN MANY CASES WITH THE
ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUTSIDE POWERS IN SEARCH OF SPHERES OF
INFLUENCE.

IT IS THE AFRICAN HOPE, HE ADDED, TO SOLVE
THESE DISPUTES IN THEIR OWN WAY, IF NECESSARY UNDER THE
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2. COMMENT: IN ROMANIAN CONTEXT, THIS CONSTITUTES POINTED
CRITICISM, FOR GOR STUDIOUSLY REFRAINS FROM CRITICISM BY
NAME--ESPECIALLY WHEN SUPER POWERS ARE INVOLVED. SCINTEIA
COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP ALSO IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF GOR'S
KEEN INTEREST IN AFRICA: VENEZUELAN AND BRAZILIAN LEGS

OF TRIP WERE DESCRIBED IN BRIEFEST GENERALITIES WITHOUT SO MUCH AS MENTION EVEN OF ADDRESS ON FAVORITE SUBJECT OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER; IT WAS ONLY UPON PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN NIGERIA THAT SCINTEIA'S COVERAGE GOT DOWN TO SPECIFICS SUCH AS THE HORN, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.
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